(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue of passing on full excise duty benefits on liberalisation to consumers is likely-to be taken up in such meetings; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to achieve the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-Official Members on Management Committee of Super Bazar

30. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-official members are appointed on the Management Committee of Super Bazar Cooperative Society;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the present Committee and how many vacancies exist at present;

(c) whether Government have received any recommendations for appointment from Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the names of Members of Parliament recommending the names of persons on Management Committee during the last three years and in how many cases persons recommended by MPs have been nominated on the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Managing Committee of Super Bazar consists of IS members out of which 5 are elected and 10 are nominated. From among the 10 nominated members, 4 are Government officers, 5 are non-officials and the General Manager is the ex-officio member. At present one vacancy exists on account of death of an elected member.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the last three years, recommendations for nominations to the Managing Committee of the Super Bazar, were received from the following members of Parliament:—

1. Shri Sharad Pawar
2. Shri Rafique Alam
3. Shri Rajesh Khanna
4. Shri Somji Bhai Dhamor
5. Smt. Chandrika A. Jain
6. Shri G.M. Khan

Only in respect of one of the nominees in the Managing Committee of Super Bazar a recommendation from a Member of Parliament was received.

Effect of Monsoon on Buffer Stocks for Distribution through PDS

31. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monsoon all over the country will have an adverse impact on buffer stocks held for distribution through PDS;

(b) what are the contingency measures planned to be put into operation to ensure continued supplies of essential commodities to weaker sections and also to prevent free market forces from exploiting the situation; and

(c) wheather Government would go in for import of foodgrains including pulses for distribution through PDS?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFIARS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 1.7.1995 stood at 35.6 million tonnes as against 22.3 million tonnes of foodgrains required to be maintained under buffer stocking policy. In view of this, there is no difficulty in meeting the requirements